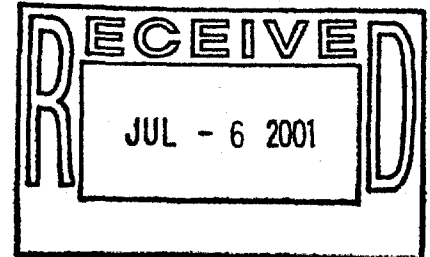




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Dear Mr. Jones:

DIRECTOR'S FINAL FINDINGS & ORDERS - LITHIUM HYDROXIDE

Reference is made to the Director's Final Findings & Orders (DFF&Os), dated February 24, 1998, which address the management and storage of lithium hydroxide at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

DOE entered into contracts to sell the lithium hydroxide (located in Warehouses X-744K, N, P, Q, S, and T) and remove it from the site. As previously reported, in September 1997, all of the lithium hydroxide was removed from Warehouse X-744K, and the lithium warning signs at the warehouse entrances were taken down. On May 31, 2001, the last containers of lithium hydroxide were shipped off-site. The remaining warehouses (N, P, Q, S, and T) have been inspected and the warning signs at the entrances have been taken down. The warehouse inspections have been discontinued, and the completed inspection checklists are available at Portsmouth for your review. There were no spills of the lithium hydroxide, nor were there incidents associated with the removal of this material that required implementation of the Portsmouth Contingency Plan.

DOE believes that its commitments under the DFF&Os regarding the lithium hydroxide have been fully satisfied.

If you have any questions, please contact Melda Rafferty of my staff at (740) 897-5521.

Sincerely,

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